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THE PARADE.

TWENTY thousand men and women celebrated the winning of four new suffrage states by marching in a great torch-light parade on the evening of November 9th. Both sides of Fifth Avenue were packed with spectators, estimated at half a million. From beginning to end, there was no delay; the march was beautiful, orderly and effective.

For carrying out this great plan of celebration, credit should be given the Co-operative Parade Committee which has worked, early and late, planning each feature of the event with painstaking care. To those who have frequented the Woman Suffrage Party Headquarters, it has seemed as if all the preliminary activity were centered there in the person of Mrs. Laidlaw, the chairman. Doubtless, however, members of each of the co-operating suffrage societies have found their own offices and officers, engaged in similar strenuous preparations.

Despite its anti-suffrage editorial policy, *The New York Times* gave a splendid description of the affair.

As for the parade itself, it was a line, miles long, of well-dressed, intelligent women, deeply concerned in the cause they are fighting for; of girls in their teens, overflowing with enthusiastic exuberance, and of men, some of them old and tottering, but the majority young, husky fellows, who marched as haughtily as their sisters and carried high the yellow pennants of the cause and the big yellow, pumpkin-shaped lanterns that more than anything else made last night's parade a thing beautiful to look upon. With the exception of a few of the men's organization, practically every person in that vast line of marchers held aloft one of those gleaming lanterns.

The picture was that of a long river of fire and beginning somewhere north of St. Patrick's Cathedral ended in a blazing display no less brilliant in Union Square, where the orators of the movement assembled at the close of the parade to tell those who would listen why votes for women are just as good for New York as for California, Michigan, Oregon, and Wyoming and the other States that have voted the franchise to women.

The parade was timed to start at 8 o'clock, and that was the time it started. There was no delay and there was no halting once the columns got under way.

It was not necessary to flash the word down the line that the suffragists were coming. The glare of those big pumpkin-shaped lanterns was all that was needed. First, to those who banked the sidewalks from curb to walls south of Fifty-eighth Street, it appeared like a single big line of fire that was yards wide and only inches deep. But the width of the picture was short lived, and as the minutes passed the red river grew longer and longer until, when the head of the column reached a point abreast of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the spectacle as seen by those south of Forty-second Street was that of a rolling stream of fiery lava.

The New York Tribune celebrated festival week by issuing a daily suffrage feature. In their issue of November 10th, there were numerous interesting comments regarding the parade.

The suffrage parade that wound down Fifth Avenue last May was an argument. The parade last night was a celebration. With Michigan, Kansas, Oregon and Arizona added to their roll of states, with every political party in New York State pledged to the referendum, the women who had worked so long and hard for this result felt that they might pause for the moment and play.

But it was in no play spirit that the crowd came out to see them. A big crowd it was, some of the police estimated that, in spite of its being night time, the people were nearly as many as were those who watched the day parade of last May.

They filled the pavements solidly from 54th street clean down to Union Square, and surged out into the street whenever the police let them, which was seldom, for the police arrangements last night were really almost perfect.

It was not in a spirit of criticism that the crowd came out—oh, no.

But it was almost solemn. Almost unbroken silence reigned among the thousands who gazed, from start to finish.

It was as if they were saying to themselves: "What is this force that is marching upon us?"

Mrs. William Warner Penfield's triumphal chorus came in for rounds of applause. They walked nine abreast, with one lone man in the middle of each line.

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The women were clad in white surplices and the men in long black cassock effects, which gave a startlingly ecclesiastical effect to the section.

At each halt they sang "The March of Progress," a suffrage song composed for the occasion by Miss Fredericka Cook. It had a stirring chorus, of which the words were:

Then forward march,
Uphold the cause;
Let this be our endeavor:
To fight the fight
Of righteousness,
For justice turns back never!
Then forward march,
Uphold the cause;
We stand united ever.
Equality, our just demand
In this, our Empire State!

The Evening Sun honored our great event by issuing a special Woman Suffrage Section, which contained articles by leading suffragists. It was well illustrated and made a splendid souvenir of our victory.

Among the transparencies which aroused comment were the following:

"1,500,000 women voted this year for President."

"600,000 California women are using their ballots wisely and well. Why not New York women?"

"100,000 more men voted for suffrage in Ohio this year than ever before. We will win next time!"

"We want to see our police system removed from the influence of corrupt politicians."

"Women will not tolerate the continuance of the white slave traffic."

"We want a single standard of morals, not the night court tactics."

"We demand clean streets."

"The smoke nuisance must be abolished."

"Reduce infant mortality by establishing inspection of more numerous milk stations."

THE WESTERN WOMAN.

What's the matter with father?
He's all right;
He voted the ballot to mother—
It was her right.
Now all together they run the ship—
Rule by love and not by whip.
What's the matter with father?
He's all right.

THE EASTERN WOMAN.

Everybody votes but mother—
M-O-T-H-E-R.
Everybody votes but mother,
She's our homes' bright star.
First in love and first in peace,
Her good works will never cease.
Everybody votes but mother—
Give her a chance to try.

THE PEOPLE'S RECEPTION TO MRS. CATT.

A CITIZENS' meeting of welcome and appreciation will be given Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt on her home-coming from a trip around the world.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the People's Institute at Cooper Union, Tuesday, December 3rd, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. Catt will speak on "The Awakening of Woman Around the World." At the end of her address the audience will be invited to ask questions and enter into the general discussion. There will be other speakers on the programme and these will be announced at the meeting.

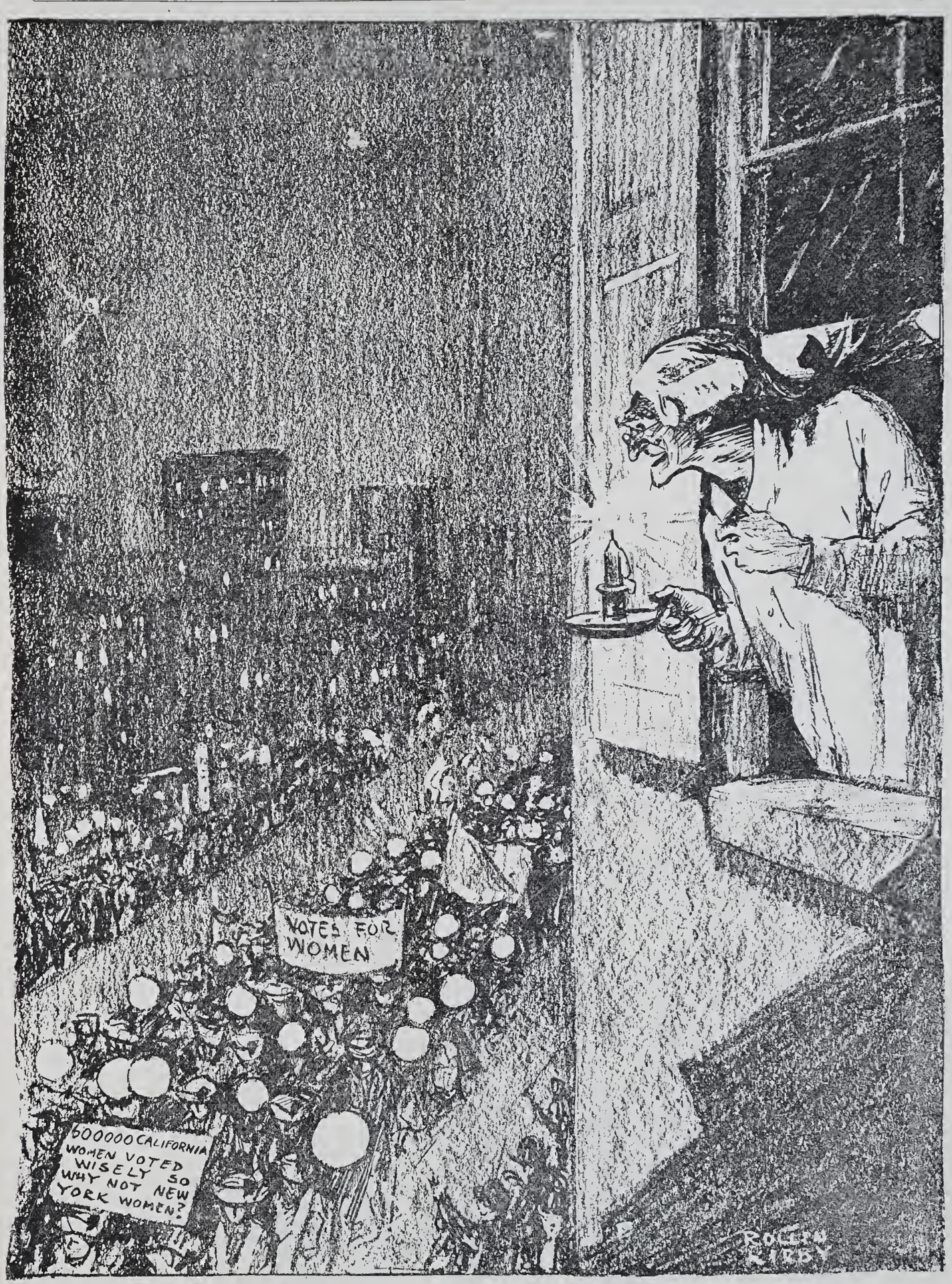
WELCOME HOME TO MRS. CATT.

ON the evening of November 19th, the Woman Suffrage Party welcomed its founder, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who has just returned from a suffrage tour of the world. It was an enthusiastic crowd that packed Carnegie Hall from platform to gallery; jubilant, not only because of the return of a beloved friend, but also because it was possible to present her with unique and wonderful gifts.

A year and eight months ago, when Mrs. Catt set forth on her mission to the women of the world, there were, in this country, six suffrage states! When she landed in California, in November, there were ten! What more significant greeting could American women devise? A year and eight months ago, woman suffrage in New York State, was endorsed by the Socialist and Prohibition Parties. Now, we are able to show Mrs. Catt, five suffrage planks, one in the platform of every political party in the state. And, she has the deep satisfaction of knowing that the Woman Suffrage Party which she brought into being, is gathering its forces, sixty thousand strong, preparing with sober determination to carry out the slogan, *A Campaign in* 1915! *Woman Suffrage for New York in* 1916!

Mrs. Catt is President of the International Suffrage Alliance, and her first words of greeting were from representatives of foreign lands who presented her with the flags of their nations. After this, a campaign song from the ten suffrage states was sung by young women dressed in white, bearing yellow shields with the names of their states.

Then followed addresses of welcome from Dr. Anna Howard Shaw on behalf of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, Miss Harriet May Mills for the New York State Woman Suffrage Association, Mrs. Charles Tiffany for the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, Mrs. Frederic Nathan for the Equal Franchise



Father Knickerbocker: "Goodness! Women At This Time o' Night! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN IT!"

Courtesy of The Evening Sun.

Society, Mr. George Foster Peabody for the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, Miss MacKenzie for the Political Equality Association, Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch for the Political Union and Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield and Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw for the Woman Suffrage Party.

The event of the evening was Mrs. Catt's address. Those who have followed her course around the globe, by means of letters and the masterly articles which she has sent *The Woman's Journal* and *The Voter*, understood what Mrs. Catt left unsaid; it is largely because of her devotion to the cause of women and her unselfish service that to-day the woman movement has its connections in every civilized country of the world. "We went where no path led," she said, "and left behind us a little trail of our righteous rebellion. Kipling says, 'The West is the West and the East is the East, and never the twain shall meet.' This may be so in men's affairs, but it is not true in women's. Our Cause is one."

Mrs. Catt then spoke of the awakening of women in Egypt, Persia, India, China, Japan, showing how, in many instances, the same evolution has been taking place simultaneously, as in 1848, when Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were urging the women here not to insist upon presiding at meetings, lest it make them appear ridiculous and retard the movement, one of the great feminists of Persia, had flung aside her veil and appeared to preach equal rights in the market place of the town. She showed how some of the great religious movements of the East have included the equality of the sexes in their teachings, and indicated that possibly in the onward march, the Western hare may lie down to rest and the Eastern tortoise may outstrip him in the race. Then, lest we feel too sanguine over the rapid development of our Eastern sisters, she told how much greater the sacrifices involved in their struggle. Our pioneers endured crucifixion of soul; the pioneers of Asia risk their bodies and inherit years of bitterest suffering. But whenever the movement is victorious in this country, there is a ground swell westward across the Pacific, so we must remember that this battle for equal justice is not for ourselves alone but for the women of the entire world.

SUFFRAGE WORK AT THE FOOD SHOW.

THE Woman Suffrage Party maintained a booth and recruiting station at the Domestic Science and Pure Food Congress which was held in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory from October 23 to November 2. The managers of the exposition kindly donated a large booth on the floor of the armory for the use of the Party, and thus opportunity was given not only for general propaganda work but especially for securing pledges for marchers in the great suffrage parade of November 9. Here, under the direction of Mrs. Holmes, a company of volunteers came daily to give out literature, sell suffrage souvenirs, and VOTERS, enroll new members in the Party, and discuss the cause with all who showed any interest in it. It is estimated that as a result of the work done, over a thousand new members were enrolled in the Woman Suffrage Party, and many of these men and women also agreed to march in the torchlight procession which was to celebrate the results of the election.

The experience of the workers at the booth was that an enormous amount of unorganized suffrage sentiment existed in New York. Large numbers of people who paused to discuss the question had apparently never been asked to join a definite movement for suffrage, but when approached were quite willing to join the Party and give it their support. A second and even larger class of people were those who constantly came up to the booth and said: "I don't know much about suffrage, but I want to find out about it. Can you give me something to read?" The great need for good *free* literature and popular leaflets was again and again made very apparent.

The Party also celebrated a "Woman Suffrage Evening" at the exposition on November 1st, in the concert hall of the armory. Here the audience which had assembled to enjoy the 71st Regiment band and a moving picture show was addressed, after this entertainment, by Miss Mary Garrett Hay, Mrs. Anna Ross Weeks, and Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw.

Hy. Mayer

Courtesy of The New York Times

THE LITTLE TIN PLATE

BY

JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

FEW civic betterment proposals of late years have won such instant and enthusiastic approval from the social workers of New York City as the so-called "Little Tin Plate" ordinance, which is now awaiting the official consideration of the Board of Aldermen. This ordinance, which had its origin in the mind of Father James B. Curry, of St. James Parish, provides in effect that "every person or corporation owning a building or buildings in the City of New York shall place and maintain at the front of every such building, at the principal street entrance thereof, a conspicuous plate or sign, giving under the word 'Owner' or 'Owners' the name or names and resident addresses of such above named persons." Dubbed by one of its frightened opponents—who are nearly all of them significantly enough real estate owners—in the spirit of ridicule and denunciation, the "Little Tin Plate," this name was instantly caught up by its supporters, and has served them admirably as the battle-cry of the campaign.

The social doctrine underlying this proposal is obviously none other than the old well-tested conception of personal responsibility. Our city is crowded, as we know all too well, with indecent tenements, unsanitary bakeries, shops and factories, loft-buildings without fire-escapes, law-breaking saloons, dance halls, gambling dens, houses of prostitution, etc., etc. The blame for the continued existence of these pest-holes, which spread far and wide throughout the community the loathsome contagions of disease, immorality and vice, can be variously assigned to all sorts of persons, from the corrupt public official on the one hand to the indifferent citizen upon the other. But when all has been said and done, the ultimate responsibility for these outrages upon public order and decency must lie with the owner of the property upon which the offences are committed. If we reach him we get at the heart of the problem; and if we can move him to action we have done the one most effective thing of all for the correction of the evil.

Now it is this very thing which is accomplished, in the easiest, swiftest and surest way possible, by the "Little Tin Plate" ordinance. This provides that the owner of every building in the city—of every church, every settlement house, every dwelling, every department house, every saloon, every hotel—shall have his name conspicuously posted on the outer walls of his property, so that "he who runs may read." In other words, the property-owner is to be exposed to the dazzling light of publicity, and thus made immediately accountable for the uses to which his property is being put. The same method which has proved so effective in preventing corrupt practices in political elections, the granting of rebates in railroad traffic, the betrayal of justice in courts of law—the magic talisman of publicity—is here applied to private property, with the promise of equally efficacious results. The love of personal reputation, the desire to stand well in the opinion of our fellows, is as fundamental in the human, as the instinct of self-preservation in the animal—and it is this stupendously powerful psychological factor which this proposed ordinance instantly enlists upon the side of public order. With such a provision as this, Trinity Church would think twice before holding the tenements which were for so many years her shame and reproach—the Supreme Court Justice, cited by Mr. Whitin in the recent hearing before the Board of Aldermen, would hesitate about using his property for a home of ill-fame—the synagogue and church members, discovered by the researches of the Chicago Vice Commission, would hasten to rid themselves of their unsavory possessions—even the corporations, which hold ownership in so many of our saloons and brothels, would be loathe to advertise their degradation to the passerby. And even those who have no shame in the matter, are instantly rendered impotent to carry on their legal forms of traffic, by the mere fact that publicity renders the strong arm of the law instantly effective. Here indeed, as President Roosevelt has said, is a legal device which is admirably calculated to "make the owner take a healthy interest in his property." Simple in character, inexpensive in operation, practically self-enforcable, it is difficult to conceive of a more admirable ordinance than this for the safeguarding of law, order and public decency.

The opposition to this measure is of course active and noisy, and is identical with the opposition which is invariably manifested against all progressive social legislation. The same plea is always heard—namely, that the state has no right to interfere with the individual's private affairs. This argument was once impressive, no doubt, but in this age of "the social question," it no longer has any respectable standing in the minds of honest and enlightened men. To-day we very seriously doubt if the individual can be set off against the social whole, and private affairs be distinguished from public affairs. The individual is at bottom a social creature; and there are no private affairs which do not at some point affect

favorably or unfavorably the public welfare. Certainly the time has forever passed by, in this day of tenement investigation, factory legislation, excise laws, etc., when any owner of house, or store, or saloon, can claim to be beyond the reach of social control. The ownership of property, especially so-called real estate, involves a social question of the first moment; and any such demand as this of "The Little Tin Plate" is nothing but one more instance of the community's concern for its own welfare. Opposition to this measure, on this or any other ground, is in itself confession of guilt. No man whose property is without stain would have any more objection to putting his name upon his building, than I have objection to putting my name upon my church.

It is interesting to note that, while this article is being written, news comes to hand that an ordinance, suggested by, and modeled upon, our New York ordinance, has just been enacted in Portland, Oregon. How long behind our western city shall we be content to follow?

WOMAN'S RIGHT TO THE BALLOT.

BY

JOHN SHERWIN CROSBY

FREEDOM is an atmosphere so natural to man that he rarely if ever becomes conscious of its existence until deprived of its enjoyment. His conception of personal liberty, of economic liberty, and of religious liberty, is due to his having felt the want of them. And as he could never have been very long deprived of them without the consent or connivance of government, he realizes that in order to secure them he must have a voice in making, interpreting and enforcing the laws under which they are to be enjoyed if at all; that he must have equal membership in that self-defensive organization known as the State, and equal participation in that enforced regulation of human conduct and affairs, that action of the State, called civil government; in other words, that if he would be reasonably assured of any freedom at all, he must first and always have political freedom.

Now, it is merely this same political freedom, or civil liberty that woman seeks when she asks for the ballot, and the wonder is that man should object to her having it. Are not personal, economic and religious liberty as dear to her as to him? Why, then, should she be deprived, and by him, of that which he deems so essential to their enjoyment?

By what warrant does man presume to exclude woman from the suffrage? Does he regard it as a privilege? If so, by what competent authority does he, himself a mere recipient of it, pretend to withhold it from others? Before sagely debating whether or not he should give her the ballot, let him ask what ballot he has to give away. It is not his but her own ballot that woman is striving for, as he in times past may have striven for his.

The suffrage is never regarded as a privilege except by somebody who has it himself, and then only with a view to preventing somebody else from having it. If asked how he happens to have it, he will ordinarily answer, not that he holds it as a privilege granted to him or his ancestors by some superior authority, but that he or they fought for it as something to which they were as much entitled as those who sought to keep them from it. But when somebody asks him for it he meets the demand with the same objection that was made to him or his ancestors having it. There always has been and always will be this same tyrannical abuse of civil power by those privileged to exercise it to the exclusion of anybody compelled to live under it.

Woman is not asking for a privilege, but demanding a right. Since we have abandoned the doctrine of government by divine right, it is clear that, if government is to be by any right at all, it must be by human right, which is neither masculine nor feminine. The right to govern consists solely in the natural, inalienable, individual right of self-defense, the first law of nature, and the only law or principle by virtue of which any individual or greatest number of individuals, any State, can justly maintain forcible control, or government over the conduct of any human being.

The suffrage is nothing more or less than collective civilized exercise of the individual right of self-defense. It is that which woman demands when she asks for the ballot. Without it she has of political freedom, of civil liberty, so much only as is allowed to slaves, the liberty to be governed by somebody else than herself. What effect can this servile dependence, imposed by man and approved by the State, have upon the character of woman or of the race she mothers; what effect upon man's or her own self-respect, or upon their respect for each other?

As an untutored savage, the son was wont to establish his adult standing in the tribe by beating his mother; now that he is civilized, he celebrates his majority by voting her into what he deems proper subjection. In either instance, what an affront to womanhood, and what a reproach to manhood.

AN APPRECIATION.

Those who marched in the Torch-light Parade were proud of the efficiency of the City Departments which co-operated to make the event successful. We extend our hearty thanks to Commissioners Edwards and Waldo, who are, in large measure responsible for the splendid conditions under which we marched.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Our Victories Women, not only in the United States but throughout the entire world, were thrilled by the great victories of Election Day. The most sanguine friend of woman suffrage would hardly have predicted the winning of four out of five campaign states. But the miracle actually came to pass, and on the 5th of November in this year of 1912, the women of *Arizona, Kansas, Michigan* and *Oregon* were enfranchised. By the passing of these amendments, the number of women voters in the United States is practically doubled; the Presidential Electoral vote is increased from 37 to 70 and 8 Senators and 25 Representatives to Congress are added to those already representing suffrage states.

The victories are significant. They mark the beginning of a new era in suffrage-work. The movement has become political; it is no longer a question of agitation and propaganda; it is one of the *active* issues of the day. In the campaign states, women were supported by the best men in political life, great organizations like the Federation of Labor and the State Grangers lent their influence, all of the notable organizations for progress and welfare recognized, in votes for women, an opportunity for social betterment. The enemies of the movement were known to be the liquor interests, the corrupt politicians and those who feared the new element which Democracy is bringing into political life.

The National President of the Antis says that "after each victory *a wail* goes up from the women of such States who bitterly regret their inaction which brought this upon them." We are inclined to think that "the wail" is a solo, which is drowned by the chorus of joy. In the great jubilant march of November 9th, those who chanted

Four! Four!
Four States More!

were conscious of a feeling of sisterhood, not with the inactive mourners, but with those dynamic courageous women of Wisconsin, whose victory is only postponed, Arizona, Kansas, Michigan and Oregon.

Placing Responsibility Civic and social workers are keenly interested in pushing a piece of legislation known as "The Tin Plate Ordinance." The Reverend John Haynes Holmes, of the Church of the Messiah, gives further details of the plan on another page of this number of THE WOMAN VOTER. It is hoped that members of the Woman Suffrage Party will co-operate with the Committee of Citizens to insure the success of the bill.

The Elections With a suffrage plank in the platform of every political party in New York State, and the National endorsement of the Progressives, Socialists and Prohibitionists, suffragists, this year, were in no great suspense regarding their issue and the election. We regret that President-elect Woodrow Wilson has as yet made no satisfactory statement of his position on the question of votes for women. There is hope, however, in the fact that his support of the initiative and referendum and other popular measures came late in his career. It is hardly to be expected that those who are Democrats, *made,* not *born,* will understand the whole democratic movement at once. Even Theodore Roosevelt came slowly to his advocacy of woman suffrage. So, we look toward the conversion of Governor Wilson, and hope that by the time he reaches the presidential chair, he will favor complete democracy.

In the election of Mr. Sulzer to the governorship of New York, suffragists have cause for rejoicing. For Mr. Sulzer is so committed to his belief in woman suffrage that even his broken promise to march in the Torch-light parade cannot dim our hope of his support.

We have never faced our Legislative season with so much to offer encouragement; a suffrage plank in the winning Democratic platform, the next Governor, widely known as an ardent friend of votes for women, and the majority of our successful candidates for the Senate and Assembly, pledged not only by their party but as individuals, to our cause. Even our opponent, *The New York Times,* grudgingly says in a recent editorial:

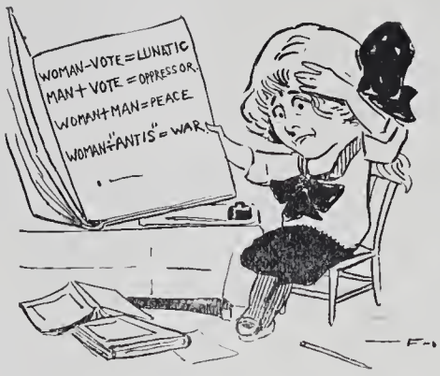
> In ten States now women may vote at all elections. They expect to get New York next, and why shouldn't they? Woman suffrage is well on its way. In a few years, unless all signs fail, women will have the vote in every State, and then we shall see what they will do with it.

Christmas Shopping We need not win our vote before beginning to help other women. Among the hundreds of opportunities to prove the humanitarian instincts of suffragists, none is more practical at this time of year than that of abolishing the Christmas rush. It is a travesty of good-will to allow the spirit of generosity to make Christmas a time of dread and dismay to hundreds of saleswomen and employees of department stores. Under ordinary conditions the girls have to stand for long hours, breathe bad air, endure unreasonable customers and live on insufficient wages. Let us not add to their burdens. Every one of the sixty thousand members of the Woman Suffrage Party should refuse to patronize stores that keep open over-time at Christmas and should try to finish all their buying by the first week in December.

MOTHER GOOSE AS A SUFFRAGETTE

These verses were written by a woman journalist and are lent us by *The Brooklyn Eagle,* in which they appeared. We are indebted to Miss Ida Craft, who is planning to publish the series as a pamphlet, to be sold at Headquarters, for her co-operation in the matter.

Ding, dong bell, the woman's in the well.
Who put her there? Ignorance, I swear.
Who'll pull her out? The Vote, without a doubt.
It was a naughty world, I trow,
To try to hurt the lady so,
Who never did it any harm
And only added to its charm.



Misrepresentation is vexation;
Exclusion is just as bad;
The Rule of Men perplexes me
And Antis drive me mad.

The Queen of Hearts
Has made some Darts
And shoots them straight each day.
The Knave of Hearts
Has felt her darts
And fast is giving 'way.

Sing a song of sixpence,
A government of quacks—
Four and twenty women
Paying in their tax.
When the money's counted
Their's is good as any.
Why is not a ballot
Fair as is a penny?

Pussy-cat, Pussy-cat, where have you been?
"I've been up to London to look at the Queen."
Pussy-cat, Pussy-cat, what found there?
"The Cabinet hiding behind the Queen's Chair."

Jack and Jill
Have equal will
And equal strength and mind.
But when it comes to Equal Rights
Poor Jill trails far behind.

Simple Simon met a pieman
Going to the fair;
Says Simple Simon to the pieman,
"Let me taste your ware."
"Certainly, Simon," says the pieman,
"Just choose from what's before you."
"I'm starving," says a woman near,
But they say, "We'll eat for you."

This little pig went to business;
This little pig stayed at home;
This little pig had the suffrage;
This little pig had none;
This little pig said, "Wee, wee, wee
I'm goin' to get it some day!"

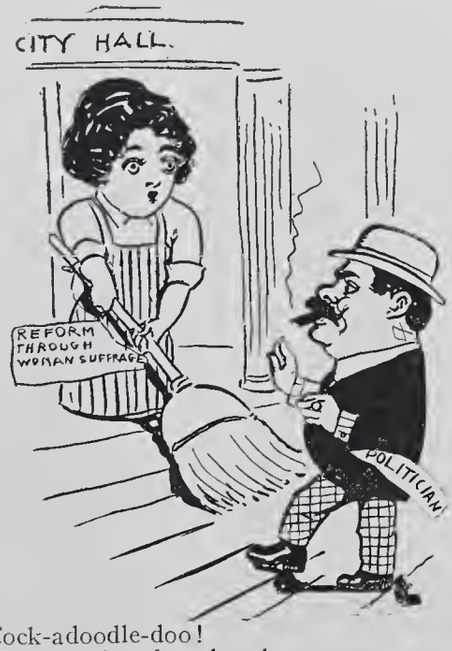
Mistress Mary, quite contrary,
How do your arguments grow?
A few facts perverted, old notions asserted,
And little fibs all in a row.

Higgledy, Piggledy,
My black hen,
She lays eggs
For gentlemen;
Won't they be stumped
Some fine day, when
The ladies find
A nice White hen!

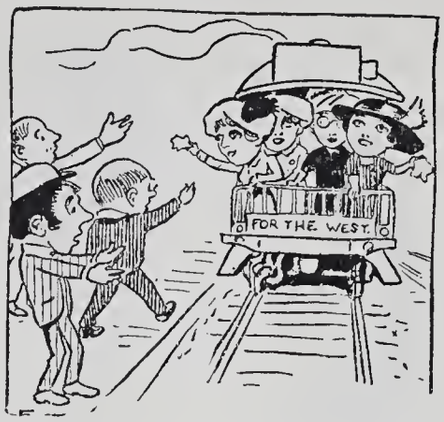
Taffy was an Anti, Taffy was a "peeve,"
Taffy came to my house and told me not to leave;
I went to Taffy's house; Taffy was not at home;
I laughed at Taffy's arguments and left for her this "pome."

Dr. Foster went to Gloecester
Good-will and votes to gain;
He got in a huff at a militant suff.
And never went there again.

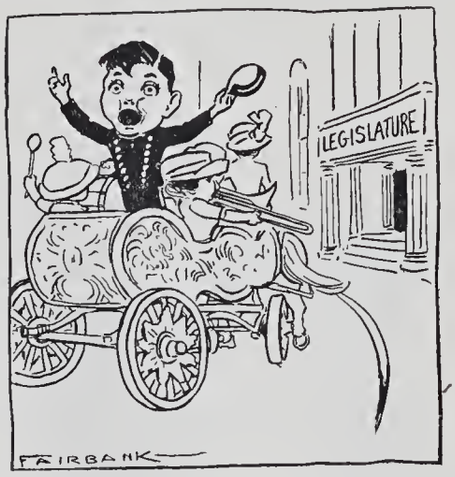
Dickory, dickory, dub,
The mouse ran under the tub.
He stays there yet,
For a suffragette
Is after him with a club.



Cock-adoodle-doo!
My dame has found a clew.
To Master's way of running things—
And he's in SUCH a stew!



There once were some women who lived in the East;
They hadn't any power and their troubles never ceased;
Of remedies to everything the ballot seemed the best,
So they got what they needed by going to the West.



Little Boy Blue, come shut the door,
The suffragette bandwagon's here once more.
Where's the little boy that keeps them out?
That's he on the top with the loudest shout.
How have they got him to go their way?
They read the Child Labor Law t'other day.

Rub-a-dub-dub—
Three men in a tub,
And crowded in with them—a lady!
A convict, a fool,
And a lunatic, who'll
Leave her longer with people so shady?

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Draw the latch.
Sit by the table and pout.
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  To sample the dish
You keep all your neighbors out.

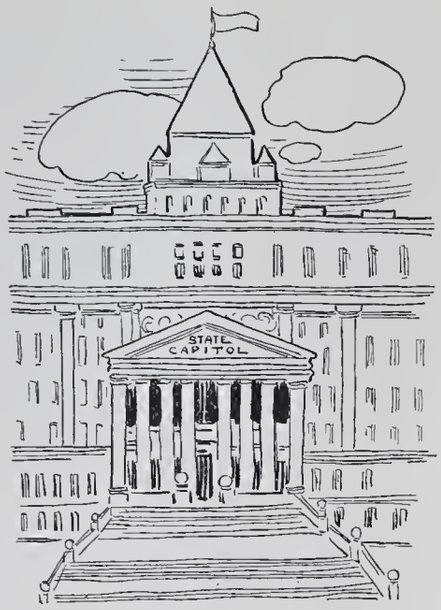
Pat-a-cake, Pat-a-cake, baker's man!
So I will, master, as fast as I can.
A nice little cake for Johnny to eat.
But Sister can't have one. The plums are too sweet.

There was a little girl and she had a little curl
  Right down the middle of her forehead.
When she got the vote she was very good, indeed,
  But when they kept it from her she was horrid.

Little miss, pretty miss,
  Blessings on your ilk.
If you and yours cleaned Pippen Hill
  'Twould be as white as milk.

One, two,
A vote will do;
Three, four,
I'll do some more;
Five, six,
The laws I'll fix;
Seven, eight,
Make politics straight;
Nine, ten,
Equal with men.

Peter, Peter, Pumpkin-eater,
Had a wife and couldn't keep her.
For all her days and all her nights
She spent in preaching Equal Rights.



This is the house that Jack built.

This is the Politician
That paid the money
That bought the ballot
That elected the Legislature
That lives in the house that Jack built.

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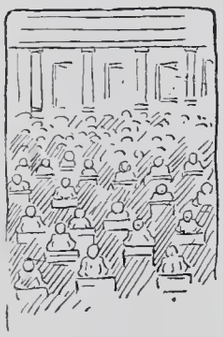

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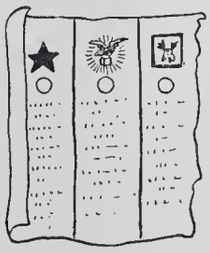

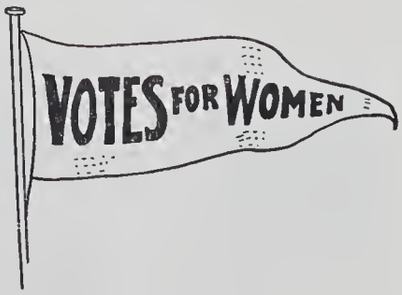

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That bought the ballot
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This is the Remedy
That is needed by the housewife
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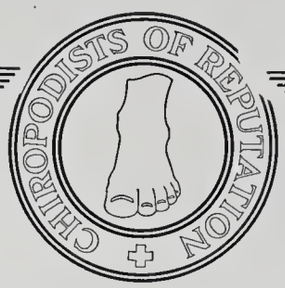

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HOW THEY VOTE.

HOW will you vote at election?" she asked her Grocer.

"Vote? Me?" he answered. "Why, the way my father did, an' his father before him. Our family's been Democrats years an' years. Never a backslider! Never scratch a ticket! Straight ticket for me."

"How will you vote at election?" she asked the Policeman on that beat.

"Sure an' it's aisy, mum. I holds my job here if I votes Republican. See?"

"How will you vote at election?" It was Sam she next asked. Sam was a husky African who was cleaning her back yard.

"Laws, chile, no need to ast me. Abe Linkum's party has always been the party for me. He made me free."

The Iceman stopped at her door. "How will you vote at election?" she said.

"Ay tank Ay bane Socialist. But when Ay can more English know, Ay may vote Republic. Yonson, you know, he bane Minnesota Republic. Now he bane dead."

"How will you vote at election?" 'Twas the swarthy Huckster she next accosted.

"Sancta Maria! Isn't this a free Republic? I vote Republican. No kings for me!"

Once more she put the question, this time to her Neighbor.

"Oh, I'm not in the game of Politics. I'm indifferent. This country will go on, no matter who's elected. I never vote. It's no use."

Now, she was a self-supporting woman. She had bought her home. She paid her taxes. She was a college woman besides. She read newspapers, magazines, and books.

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She knew some of the local candidates for office.

But she no longer questioned the men about her.

She sighed.

She could not vote.

MARY H. FLAGG.

WITTER BYNNER, SECRETARY OF THE N. H. MEN'S LEAGUE FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Two defeats this summer have been but a brief disheartenment to Equal Suffragists. In fact the earlier defeat, in New Hampshire, proved, upon consideration, to be no disheartenment at all. Before the State Constitutional Convention met in June, 225 delegates had pledged themselves to favor the Equal Suffrage Amendment. In the showing only 149 voted "aye." Though this was disheartening as to 76 individuals, the passage of the Amendment would, on the whole, have been inopportune, for it would have required, according to New Hampshire's antique law, a two to one popular vote for ratification. Though the state campaign had for New Hampshire in a few months a Men's League of a thousand members, the necessity of a two to one vote is so ponderous a safeguard against progress as to be practically impassable; and the energy and resources which might have been spent in an effort against such odds are being more wisely employed in the Campaign States offering an even chance.

The result in Ohio is a disappointment. But it is also a stimulus. It helps us to remember that progress will not "come anyway," but must continue to come through devoted and active faith and through the inspiration no less of defeat than of victory. Here in California I have had most frequently this answer to my inquiries:

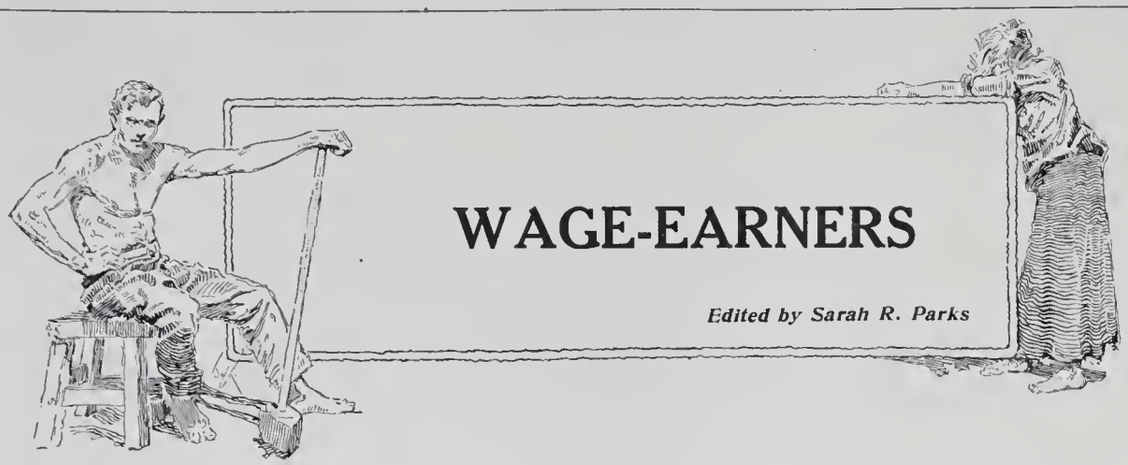
"Suffrage? I voted against it. But I'm for it now." Already it has made ridiculous the arguments of its enemies; and as to-night's *Bulletin* remarks, "Last year's army of anti-suffragists has vanished like the mist at sunrise."

San Francisco, California.

A CORRECTION.

In the poem *Mother*, by Amy Kingsland Pennington, published in the November VOTER, the last line of the first stanza was not given correctly. The verse should read:

Old and bent with the weight of years,
Grey and scarred like an ancient tree,
Forth one woman for suffrage fared—
Who more noble of all than she?



WAGE-EARNERS

Edited by Sarah R. Parks

FOR humanity sweeps onward"—1912 has brought us forward. Massachusetts, non-obligatory though her law is, has made the first step towards a legal minimum wage. Congress has made impossible the use of phosphorus in manufacturing matches. Numerous states have required publicity about industrial accidents and diseases. Ten states have improved child-labor laws. Several states have advanced towards industrial compensation. The eight-hour laws of California and Washington have been declared constitutional. Particularly refreshing were resolutions passed by the Mississippi legislature expressing sympathy with the striking employees of the Illinois Central Railroad, and the hope that organized capital would be forced to recognize organized labor. In New York, we have improved factory inspection and child-labor laws, the fifty-four hour law, and the first step towards a constitutional amendment making industrial compensation possible.

Yet, turning from victories, we face a situation exceedingly critical. Organization, especially among women, actually decreased in New York State during the year:—an ominous fact, for the labor unions are essential not only to the workers' intellectual and spiritual development and the improvement of conditions, but even to the enforcement of existing laws. Last January, for instance, the Laundry Strike startled us into the knowledge that women were working for several consecutive days from 7:30 A. M. to 10 P. M. Labor laws were being broken in seven particulars. Striking employees testified to it. Employers could not deny it. The State Board of Mediation affirmed it. Yet because the strike failed, those conditions and those violations persist unchanged. Entirely aside from their non-enforcement, the inadequacy of our labor laws remains appalling. Nearly two years after the Asch tragedy, the disaster, in spite of a few worthless new provisions, could repeat itself in hundreds of factories to-morrow. The practical device of putting in fire doors, dividing the factory and making it possible in two minutes to rush endangered girls into safety, is ignored, because it would cost money instead of lives. Our child-labor laws, though among the best in the country, permit innumerable children from three years old to work day and night in the tenements.

Though we need the ballot to meet such problems, we do not forget the things to be done now. By patronizing the Label Shop at 4 West 28th Street, we strike at bad conditions in both store and factory. Not merely is the goods sold there made under fair conditions, but the clerk who sells it works an eight-hour day for a fair wage instead of from eight to six (or even 10 P. M.) for—well, some clerks in this city receive $2.50 a week. Another very necessary thing to do immediately is to help the retail grocers. They are men, fathers of families. Before their union was formed, they worked, as many of the unorganized among them still do, from 5:30 A. M. to 10 P. M., and Saturdays till 12 P. M., besides some hours Sunday. Now over 500 stores with union conditions close, except Saturdays, at 7 in summer and 8 or 8:30 in winter. They are not open at all on Sunday. Without establishing a closed shop or resorting to strikes, the union is trying to make both purchaser and employer see the possibility of buying groceries at reasonable hours. "If women only knew what it means when they run out for groceries at 8 P. M., they wouldn't do it," the president of the union says patiently. All of us can do our purchasing before six; can discover the hours of closing of groceries in our neighborhood; can patronize and persuade others to patronize those which close earliest. Such action will do incalculable good. Last summer a part of the purchasing public responded so well to this appeal that a number of the good shops sold, during the slack season, more than they usually do in the busy. A little more of such systematic buying, and the bad stores which lost the trade, will establish better conditions. Nowhere have we a greater opportunity by a little thought to be more effective.

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THE QUESTION OF EXPEDIENCY

BY

NELSON S. SPENCER

IT is pretty generally conceded that the extension of the elective franchise to women is theoretically right; in other words a woman *prima facie* has as clean a right to vote as a man. The objection which is urged is that practically it is inexpedient. The argument of the opposition is that there is no absolute right of voting—it is a detail in the machinery of government. Otherwise there could not properly be attached to its exercise certain qualifications variously dependent upon residence, education, ownership of property, age or citizenship. These qualifications are attached because they are deemed expedient and similarly the qualification of sex is to be deemed expedient. This is so because men, being physically stronger, always have done the work of government and have acquired knowledge and experience in the art, while women have neither, and—at times—the argument goes so far as to contend that they lack the capacity to acquire either. In any case it is better for various reasons connected with family life, that they should not acquire either.

This argument, however, in the first place, confuses regulation with prohibition. It is possible for a man to meet all the enumerated qualifications, but it is impossible for a woman to change her sex. In the second place it assumes that women can contribute little or nothing to the practical working of the government. This assumption is false in fact for we find that women do constantly contribute much to the administration of government. They fill all sorts of public offices and positions including elective ones, even when they are not permitted to take part in the election. There is nothing in the physical act of voting which compares with the actual work done by women in numerous public capacities, and yet not only permitted but sought for to do the latter by officials in whose choice they are denied a voice. But what is still more important is that in the democratic government in which it is sought by the act of voting to ascertain public opinion, in the present case only one-half of that opinion is expressed. Can it reasonably be said to be expedient to guess at the opinion of the remaining half? It is charged that this unexpressed opinion is untrained. But trained or not it is just as truly an opinion which in a true democratic form of government is not only entitled to expression, but the government cannot fail to be the better for being a perfect instead of an imperfect exponent of the ideas and beliefs of all instead of a part of the individuals on whom it operates. It is the hoariest and easiest retort which can be made by those in power to assert the unfitness of those out of power, but it is not the assertion of a real believer in democratic government.

There remains the most cogent consideration in this—that our certain progress requires the complete emancipation of women from a condition of status (in which her position is determined for her by law and custom) and her recognition as an individual, determining her position for herself. She has been very extensively so emancipated in regard to her property and social relations, but very little politically. With her enfranchisement has come education and broader views of life with a resultant benefit to the community. This result would necessarily be extended with her new interest in political matters, for we may dismiss without discussion the suggestion that she lacks capacity to acquire knowledge of or experience in them. The more extended is general information, the better and more conclusive is public opinion and the better the character of the government. In the end it is the opinion of the plain people which is the base of a sound government, and it is that opinion which must be educated. The use of the ballot is a great means of education and we cannot afford to deprive women of that means. We spend enormous sums in education for our children, while we omit a way which costs nothing to educate one-half of the adult population. This means, too, that even in the education of our children, their teachers, who are largely women, are imperfectly fitted in their conception of civic affairs—affairs which, in the last analysis are the most important to the well being of the young as well as the adult. It is commonly asserted that women have and ought to have a considerable influence over their male relatives in public matters, and yet we continue to minimize the value of that influence for good by omitting one incentive towards making it real. As a matter of political expediency, we could not do an easier or better thing than ask woman to take her share in directing the activities of our government. It is idle to assert that family life would be injuriously affected by a larger knowledge of public affairs on the feminine side. We know the fact to be otherwise and we know, too, what the sons of the family—if they alone and not the daughters are to be deemed worthy of consideration—are much more likely to be competently reared by a woman who has the right to feel that her opinion is counted.

THE INLAND FARMER

BY

SARAH NOBLE-IVES

VIII.—Election Eve.

Readers of THE VOTER who have repeatedly expressed their interest in these verses will join with the Editors in extending hearty thanks to the Author.

Meliss wuz holdin' the hoss's head, waitin' fer me ter come,
Fer I wuz startin' ter town that day, helpin' the Grangers some,—
Givin' suggestin's about the percession,— leavin' Meliss ter hum.

Fer it wuz come Election Eve,—plenty o' things ter do,
Torches an' lanterns fer everyone, banners an' boxes, too,
Lighted inside an' painted out—every color an' hue.

Meliss wuz holdin' the hoss's head: "Hev a good time," says she.
"Don't be surprised ef you clap yer eyes on Polly an' likewise me;
We will be there ter help along in the good old cause," says she.

I never caught her meanin'. "Gimme a kiss," says I.
Off I druv ter the big Town Hall. Tell you we made things fly!
Riggin' the lights an' riggin' the boys, till the time ter start wuz nigh.

When it begun ter be tolable dark, people frum far an' near
Crowded the roads an' piazzy steps—all of the town wuz here—
An' mounted policemen ridin' round, keepin' the centre clear.

Illustrated by the Author.

Slowly the grand percession moved out frum the big Town Hall,
Down through Main Street, trampety-tramp,— solemn ez idols—all;
Keepin' time to the old brass band an' the sound uv the Marshals' call.

Grangers carryin' rakes an' hoes—we wuz the pink o' style!
Masons wearin' their aperns,—all uv the boys in file
Bearin' the signs uv their callin's,—spread out nearly a mile.

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While the crowd wuz a-cheerin'—plenty o' noise they made!—
Right in front uv the Grangers, in the middle uv the Parade,
Somebody druv a milk-white float, that swung into line,—an' stayed.

Walkin' an' carryin' torches, ten pritty girls in white,
Lookin' like stars—er fairies risin' out uv the night,
Lit up the float they wuz guardin'. An' that—well, that wuz a sight!

There wuz our wives an' the children, white, in their Sunday best;
Polly Bliss with her boys an' girls, all decked out like the rest;
Meliss, with our little Mary fast asleep on her breast.

Round 'em, in flamin' letters: "VOTE FOR THE JUST AND THE RIGHT!
VOTE FOR THE WOMEN'S FRANCHISE, —MAKE UP YOUR MINDS TO-NIGHT!
WE, THE MOTHERS OF NATIONS,—HELP US TO WIN OUR FIGHT!"

Jest fer a minit the place wuz still—you could 'a' heard a pin;
Hats went off an' handkerchers up. While we wuz takin' it in,
Melissy's baby woke up an' laughed like a little Cherubin!

Then such a deafenin' roar went up! That wuz the greatest yet!
Every one jest went crazy-like, every one's eyes wuz wet.
"Mothers uv wimmen an' men!" we yelled:—"Vote fer your rights—you bet!"

That wuz the way the wimmen broke in through the long closed door.
When it is time ter vote agin,—in a few months er more,
"VOTES FER WIMMEN" is goin' ter be the biggest plank in the floor!

THE END.

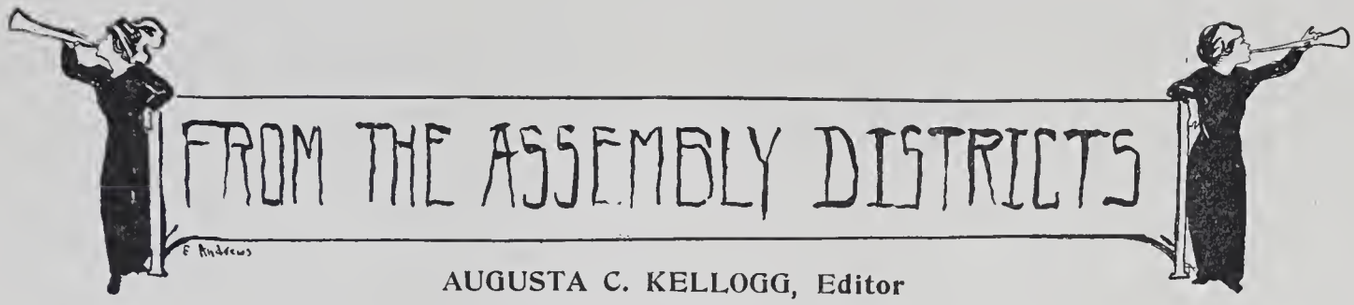
One of the correspondents of the *New York Times* says that the suffrage agitation is breaking up home life in the farming communities. He deplores the fact that young women no longer desire to become partners in farm work, but that they prefer to drift cityward and become economically independent as clerks or telegraphers, artists or doctors, lawyers or merchants. He fears that if women are tempted with the "prizes of political life" the farmer's wife will become an extinct type.

The remarks of Abe Martin in the June *American Magazine* present another aspect of this problem.

"Later in th' day Miss Moon paid her respects t' men in general by declarin' 'em jist a lot o' stomachs an' watchchains whose whole idea o' citizenship wuz throwin' a round steak on th' table three er four times a week er buyin' a wife a clothes wringer. She said that th' growin' tendency 'mongst our girls t' seek some lighter employment other than marriage made her buoyant with hope an' courage."

"Miss Germ Williams, editress o' th' *Hen an' Home,* said she'd been too busy t' pay much attention t' th' suffrage business, 'cept t' scim o'er a few arrests er glance at th' pictures o' some o' th' leaders. She said she didn't calculate that th' pictures would hurry th' day when th' hopes o' th' originals would be realized. She said, though, that th' pictures wuz probably given t' th' papers t' sort o' hold th' movement back, as most leaders hardly ever want ther cause t' succeed, th' reason bein' evident. Then she said: 'But in all seriousness, when we consider that ever' egg that wends its way t' th' American breakfast table, whether direct from th' hen er on parole from some man's storage house, is a tribute t' th' industry o' some farmer's tired, round-shouldered wife, it is only fair that she should have some voice in other affairs equally as vital t' th' happiness o' the home.' "

"Jist picture an American 'lection day with women entrusted with th' franchise. Can you not see throngs o' red-nosed women shiverin' around votin places while bread is burnin' in a thousand ovens? Think o' th' unaired beds, stacks o' breakfast dishes an' hundreds o' innocent tots with ther little noses pressed agin th' window panes cryin' fer food in homes once filled with warmth an' love; think o' some mollycoddle runnin' fer Mayor an' boastin' around that your wife is solid fer him; think o' tryin' t' unfasten th' traces o' your little children an' gittin' 'em ready fer bed while your wife is waitin' fer th' returns from some outlyin' county t' be brought in on horseback, er carryin' a torch; think o' tryin' t' hold your head up among your peers while your wife electioneers fer some feller that has owed you nine dollars fer years. How'd you like t' have a peroxide chief o' police that polishes her nails with a orange wood stick an' tries t' combat th' crime wave an' keep up her bridge scores? Are we ready t' relegate love, happiness, warm meals, children—ever'thing t' th' scrap heap? Woman's suffrage is jist around th' corner. T' arms, men!"—Abe Martin on Votes for Women. *The American Magazine*, June, 1912.



AUGUSTA C. KELLOGG, Editor

Material for this department must reach the office by the 18th of each month. Calendar closes on the 20th.

MANHATTAN.

A large banner inscribed "Votes for Women in 1915" was carried all day election day through the streets of the 2nd Assembly District by Miss Dock. It created much interest, and was read by thousands. She has also made one for use at street meetings which reads "Democratic Plank Refers Woman Suffrage to Voters in 1915." As the district is made up largely of Irish who have a natural antipathy for yellow, suspecting suffragists of being Orangemen in disguise, the propaganda banners are made of green and the men often show their respect for them and the green by taking off their hats as they pass.

The 2nd is holding two street meetings a week as long as the weather permits. A meeting for Italians was held on October 19th, and was very successful. On November 2nd, there was a meeting at Market and Monroe Streets and on the 11th one at Oliver and Madison Streets. Mrs. Graham and Helen Hoy Greeley spoke. This corner is a strategic point for it is the meeting place of the Tammany ward heelers and club members. Many of them were on hand and were really greatly interested in the two excellent speakers.

At the first regular meeting of the Kindergarten Mothers' Club and the Woman's Club of 299 Henry Street, representing several hundred women of the 11th Senatorial District, Miss Dock reported on the suffrage situation in general, and the suffrage referendum planks in all State party platforms, in particular, and resolutions were passed calling upon the Legislature to fulfill its promises.

The leader also makes a point of going before as many East side groups organized for other purposes as possible to explain suffrage legislative works and prospects.

On November 16th another Italian street meeting was held with Raimondo Cannelo and Miss Dock speakers. The Italians are becoming much interested in the suffrage movement and are taking an active part in meetings, often at a sacrifice of time and money. Thirteen Italian editors and assistant editors have joined the Party and promised to use and translate in their papers all the suffrage material the Party will send.

The Irish women in the 4th Assembly District are much interested in suffrage but for some reason reluctant to sign the Party pledge. A large number of them, however, attended a meeting arranged by Mrs. Rappaport on October 29th at Jackson and Madison Streets, to hear Miss Dock talk on the present suffrage situation.

"Evolution in its Relation to Woman Suffrage" was the topic on which Mr. Frederick Dellenbaugh spoke at the Friends' Seminary the evening of Monday, November 4th. The occasion was the regular monthly meeting of the 12th Assembly District at which Mrs. Frederic Gillette presided.

At the fair held in the Friends' Seminary by the Young Friend's Society on the afternoon and evening of November 22nd and 23rd, a booth was given over to the Suffragists of the District. It was presided over by Mrs. Frederic Gillette and was an entire success both from a financial and propaganda standpoint.

The December meeting of the 12th Assembly District will be held at the Friend's Seminary on Tuesday evening, December 3rd. The speaker will be Miss Leonora O'Reilly, President of the Woman's Trades Union League, and Mrs. George Perry Morris, of Boston, who will give an account of the proceedings of the National Convention.

The 15th held a successful meeting on October 26th at 84th Street and Broadway. A large crowd listened to Mrs. Rose Livingston, Dr. Mary Halton and Miss Klatschken with much interest. Mrs. Harvey Hastings and Miss Klatschken spoke at a meeting in the same place October 19th.

Miss Klatschken also spoke at a Hallowe'en meeting on Staten Island and drew a large crowd. A debate, Alice Hill Chittenden and Mrs. James Gordions on one side and Mrs. Cooley and Miss Klatschken on the other, was held in the Masonic Temple in Brooklyn on the evening of November 4th.

Throughout the past year the Chairman of the Political Committee of the 17th Assembly District, Miss Dora W. Davis, kept in touch with the three political organizations of her district and gave reports at meetings from time to time of the plans and their execution. Much attention was given to the spring primaries with the result that the Chairman secured the co-operation of the 15th and 19th Districts to inaugurate a campaign in the late summer and fall against an undesirable Senator.

The three parties' incorporation of a suffrage plank in their platforms, however, stopped the proposed campaign. All three candidates for the Senate signed the Party pledge.

The wonderful record of 155 street meetings on the corner of Broadway and 96th Street from June 7th to November 14th is the boast of the 17th. At 60 of these Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley was the principal speaker. Dozens of other speakers also aided materially and were instrumental in helping secure the hundreds of enrollments obtained. Mrs. Alice Burke was Chairman of the Street Meeting Committee. The leader, Mrs. Morton, spent nearly the entire summer in town in order to help along the success of the meetings. A large sum was raised to send to the campaign States.

The first Tuesday in each month Mrs. Morton is "at home" to all interested in Suffrage, at her residence, 224 Riverside Drive. Every Tuesday evening is Club evening at 259 West 99th Street. Card parties, musicals, theatricals, etc., for the aid of the cause are being planned.

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(Other Districts take Notice.—Ed.)

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On November 4th, Mrs. Clara Buchhold was Chairman of a meeting in the 20th at East Side Settlement. Miss Klatschken was the speaker of the evening.

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Thirty-five new members since September, most of them active, is the record of the 21st Assembly District. The first fall meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McCarton. Mrs. Albert Plimpton, leader, presided and Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley was the speaker. Plans were made for a vigorous campaign of education in the District.

About 40 members of the district marched in the parade November 9th.

A "Suffrage Bee" was given at the home of Mrs. Plimpton November 21st, and a dance at the home of Mrs. McCarton November 23rd.

Mrs. Emily O'Sullivan, leader of the 23rd, has done splendid work in signing candidates. She called on both nominees for the legislature of all three parties, and all but one signed. Of the Republicans, Mr. Crane (Assembly) signed. Mr. Newcomb (Senator) said he had already signed—both Progressive candidates signed, Mr. Simpson, Democratic (Elected Senator), signed, but Mr. Lewis (elected assemblyman) would not sign as he said he would like to go to the Assembly "with free hands." He promised to vote for the bill, however. The Senator-elect, Mr. Simpson, wrote to Mrs. O'Sullivan complimenting her upon the showing in the parade.

Three small indoor meetings were held in October, one in Mrs. O'Sullivan's apartment where new committees were formed for the work of the year. An Advisory Board was elected and entertainment and public demonstration committees were formed. A theatrical club is being formed of which Mrs. Olenda Drescher is Chairman. Many offers of help have come in, a good share of them from the young people of the district and some from professional people who have promised to assist. The first entertainment will be given soon after Christmas.

"The Business of Being a Woman," Ida Tarbell's book, was the subject of an able address by Mrs. Marie Jenney Howe on the evening of November 12th. The meeting was one of a series to be held during the winter by the 25th Assembly District in conjunction with the State Association.

The 25th had 298 persons in the parade, men and women.

Mrs. Julia Reiter and Miss Lena Chapman kept very close track of the candidates for the Legislature in the 26th Assembly District before election. All of them were called up and written to with more or less successful results.

A very interesting meeting was held October 17th in the People's Tabernacle, Miss Alice Carpenter, Hon. Wm. R. Amos, Mr. Stanley Newberg, D. Leigh Colvin, Joseph Steinberg, Amos Pinchot and Miss Chapman addressed the Christian Endeavor Society of the People's Tabernacle, before the parade, making an urgent plea for all those present to join in the parade.

The President of the Society, Henry Busch, Jr., marched and afterwards addressed a meeting in Union Square. The pastor of the church, Dr. Tyndall, also marched.

The leader, Miss Marie Reed, arranged a very successful Hallowe'en party at the Emmaline Yorke Tyndall Hotel. About a hundred men and women were present.

"Votes for Women" has gained a firm footing on Long Island through the untiring efforts of many women who are giving freely of their time and themselves. Throughout the time of the Long Island campaign, which began July 3rd and only ended at the closing of the Riverhead and Mineola Fairs in October, no opportunity was lost to further the cause. We regret it is impossible in our limited space to mention the names of all the women who have done so much for the movement on the Island.

Mrs. W. P. W. Hoff, of Hewlett, and Mrs. Frank Peachin, of Lynbrook, had a very successful suffrage tent at the Mineola Fair.

Mrs. Talbot Perkins was in charge of a division during the whirlwind campaign. Many speeches were made in factories, on soap boxes on the street corner, and a suffrage tent was kept open on the 4th of July at Rockaway Beach. A parade was also organized there that day and the suffragists attracted much interest and attention from the throngs on the beach.

BROOKLYN.

Brooklyn Borough Headquarters were opened November 20th, at 27 Lafayette Avenue, opposite the Academy of Music. The district leaders will be in charge on different days. Tea will be served afternoons and a cordial welcome given to all who are interested in suffrage or who desire information.

Although the 12th Assembly District modestly says that it has done no political work owing to the absence of its leader and lack of organization, delegates to Republican and Democratic State conventions were visited and urged to support the suffrage plank in the platforms. The newly elected Democratic Assemblyman, Mr. Hamilton, says he is friendly to suffrage but not willing to sign the pledge and the new Senator, Mr. Carswell, says he has nothing to say as he has given the matter no consideration.

The first production in Brooklyn of the photoplay "Votes for Women" was given in the Washington Theatre in August.

The manager permitted Miss Ida Craft to speak and she addressed the audience four times. Several enrollments were taken at the close of the performance.

The 27th has pledged $100 yearly to the party until 1915. The District made a splendid showing in the parade, with one hundred and twenty persons, the largest number they have had in any parade. Their group in costume, The Spirit of 1776, was much commented upon and was carried out through the efforts of Mrs. Hill-Brown and Mrs. Himes-Cox. Through the influence of the leader, Mrs. Weeks, and others in the District, over a dozen shops in the district were decorated for the parade and the Madison Trust Company displayed a six-foot Votes for Women sign. Mrs. Graham was Chairman of the Parade Committee.

Mrs. Melbert Cary is Chairman of the reception committee and will have a member of the district at Party headquarters every Monday.

A number of new and very efficient Captains have been appointed this Fall. The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee has circularized the District with an appeal to establish a district fund of yearly pledges.

A rally for colored people will be held some time during December at the Y. M. C. A. on West 53rd Street, and another large meeting will be held at the Berkeley Theatre with special dramatic features.

The 29th Assembly District will hold a meeting in Tuxedo Hall, corner of 59th Street and Madison Avenue, on Tuesday, December 10th, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt will speak on: "Suffrage is coming all over the World." Dr. Anna Howard Shaw: "Suffrage is coming all over the United States," Miss Mary Garrett Hay, "Suffrage is coming in New York State," and Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw "Suffrage is coming in New York City."

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In every institution in which they are allowed in the District the suffragists hold meetings. They have been held at the Clara de Hirsch Home for Working Girls, the White Rose Home for Working Girls, and the Merchants' Business School. Clubs are now being formed at all of these institutions.

The enterprise of one of the members and the courtesy of the Logan Club combined to make a fine meeting in September, Miss Harriet May Mills gave an instructive lecture on "Woman Suffrage" and made many converts.

The propaganda committee of the district club is working up meetings of various associations in the District at which one of its speakers may present the cause. "The Item," a weekly paper that circulates extensively in the section, is glad to publish any suffrage news given it.

The District Suffrage Club was organized early in October with the following officers:

Mrs. Annabel Quackenbush, President; Mrs. Blanche H. Palmer, Secretary; Miss Bertha M. Irish, Treasurer.

Meetings are held once a month and after the business is finished there is always an interesting program. Miss Klatschken addressed the Club last week. The next gathering will be at the home of Mrs. Lillie O. Burckett, 846 President Street, on December 2nd, at 7:45, after a short business meeting Miss Elisabeth Freeman will give an address.

The 12th co-operated with the 3rd on November 6th in attending the Suffrage booth in Abraham and Straus' Store.

A good delegation marched in the Parade and about 30 members attended the meeting for Mrs. Catt on Nov. 19th.

Miss Grace Frank, leader, is expected home from Europe early in December, but in the meantime Mrs. Wm. H. Tappey, who is Vice-leader, and the Secretary, Mrs. Langlotz are busily engaged in finding captains for the 28 election districts. There are eight at present.

A Mass Meeting is to be held in the 3rd Assembly District on December 5th at 8 o'clock in Kruetschers' Hall on Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood. Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield and Mr. De Witt are to be the speakers.

The 5th Assembly District of Brooklyn had charge of a Suffrage booth in Henry Batterman's Department Store from November 5th to November 8th. Miss Ida Craft was Chairman of the Committee in Charge and was instrumental in taking 310 enrollments for the Party in the three days. Two thousand leaflets in German, Italian and Yiddish were distributed and 4,000 in English.

During the recent campaign all political meetings held in the district were attended and over 70 enrollments taken. Both the Senator-elect and the Assemblyman-elect are in favor of suffrage.

The guests of the District in their box at the Welcome Home to Mrs. Catt were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ritch, Vincent O'Connor, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Lent, Rev. and Mrs. George H. McClelland.

A very exciting debate was held in the People's Forum in the 10th a short time ago. Mrs. Frank Goodwin of Washington, D. C., and Miss Alice Hill Chittenden were on the negative and Miss Martha Klatschken and Miss Cooley the affirmative. The argument waxed hot on each side and from the floor and caused much excitement. Mrs. Edward Dreier presided at the meeting where there were between six and seven hundred people, four-fifths of whom were men.

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On October 25th the members of the district club were guests of the Men's League in Fleet Street Church. Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren was the speaker of the evening and Mrs. Barker spoke. The President, George Adams, presided.

Over 500 members of the Party are enrolled in the 11th Assembly District and twelve Captains of election districts have been appointed. Business meetings are held the evening of the first Monday of each month at the home of the leader at 202 Lefferts Place. Members of the District have charge of headquarters on Wednesdays and will be glad to serve tea and talk suffrage with all who drop in on that day.

Six clubs have been formed in the 18th Assembly District under the leadership of Rev. Ann J. Allebach, and in this way every corner of the district is being reached.

The First Club has for its officers Mrs. Philip Comstock, Chairman; Mrs. Walter Quackenbush, vice-Chairman; Mrs. Frederic A. Pirie, Secretary; Mrs. Wheeler, Treasurer.

This Club tries to meet a peculiar need in the suffrage field by carrying the subject into conservative homes and transposing the bugaboo of sex equality into a dining and living-room topic of conversation before such people. Meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at the home of the Chairman. At 2 o'clock there is a business meeting and at three there is always a good speaker. At four tea is served and questions and general conversation are in order.

The district feels strongly that most of the interest and impetus given the Club is due to the splendid response for speakers from headquarters, for not even a sudden or hurried call has been disregarded. Among the speakers have been Miss Freeman, Miss Parks, Mrs. Winch, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Woods.

One large evening meeting has been held at which a hundred and fifty women and men were present in the home of Mrs. Frank C. Baker, 480 East 18th Street, Flatbush. Mrs. Ida Husted Harper and ex-Senator Towne were the speakers.

Second Club—Educational Club. President, Dr. Mary H. Crawford, 296 New York Avenue. Meetings 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 1054 Sterling Place, at 8 P. M.

Third Club—Research Club. President, Mrs. J. S. Schindler, 48 Woodruff Avenue. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month at 744 Windwood Street, 8 P. M.

Fourth Club—Industrial Club. President, Miss Jean Dreyfuss, 36 Midwood Street. Meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 8 P. M. at President's home.

Fifth Club—Domestic Workers' Club. Directress, Mrs. E. M. Saunders, 120 Brooklyn Avenue. Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month. 9 P. M., at 120 Brooklyn Avenue.

Sixth Club—Colored Woman's Club. Directress, Mrs. W. Quackenbush, 54 East 18th Street. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays at home of President, Mrs. Dawner, 1400 Bergen Street, at 3 P. M.

A District Mass Meeting in which all the clubs will unite will be held early in December. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Zulauf, Mr. Hoff and Mr. Esquinol have been induced to sign the pledge.

The District had a large representation in the Parade for which much credit is due Mrs. Barker, Dr. Crawford and Mrs. Comstock.

The District is happy over numbering Mrs. Suffren among the members of the First Club.

A thousand invitations are being sent out to domestic workers and their employers, by the director of the Domestic Workers' Club—Mrs. Saunders.

The Friends' Equal Rights Association will hold a meeting in the Friends' Meeting House, 110 Schermerhorn Street, Saturday, December 14th, at 8 o'clock. Speakers—Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw and Dr. Walter Hervey.

At the bazaar conducted by the Hebrew Educational Alliance the 23rd had a booth and sold Suffrage pencils, buttons, VOTERS, etc., with great success.

Mrs. Waton has originated the scheme of pledging herself to convert one person each week to suffrage and so far has been successful.

Bi-weekly business meetings and bi-weekly social meetings are held. On November 30, an open meeting will be held, place not yet decided upon.

On January 10th a meeting on an elaborate scale has been planned.

The best ballroom in the vicinity—the Hopkinson Mansion, has been hired, a large meeting will be held with good speakers and good music, and a dance afterwards. This is a regular yearly feature of the district, and enough money is expected to be raised to pay expenses through the year.

The women will monopolize the entire program, as only women will speak—a woman's orchestra will furnish music and there will be a woman singer. There will also be a woman floor manager. The dances and entertainments have been so successful that many outside organizations have applied to the women who have managed them and asked them to take charge of their various entertainments.

BRONX BOROUGH.

At the regular executive meeting of the Woman Suffrage Party, Bronx Borough, the Secretary and Treasurer resigned and Mrs. George B. Holbert, 2340 Aqueduct Avenue, was elected Secretary and Mrs. Ericson, 409 East 136th Street, was elected Treasurer.

Mrs. Arthur was appointed organizer of the 33rd Assembly District.

The first meeting of the 35th Assembly District Social Service Club was held Saturday, November 7th, at 2.30 at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Swan, 2387 Grand Avenue. Seventeen new members were enrolled. Mrs. Anna Ross Weeks made a stirring address and later answered questions. Tea was served late in the afternoon and the music given by Mrs. Wm. Armus and Mrs. Ireland was much enjoyed.

The Captains and others interested in the district had three boxes at Carnegie Hall for the meeting for Mrs. Catt.

QUEENS.

The Chairman of the Borough, Mrs. Eno, is much pleased over the fact that she had 150 members in line in the parade.

The work of the Committee who labored for the Progressive Party in the Borough has added many new names and eager workers, both men and women to the suffrage cause. All but one of the candidates elected to the legislature have given positive assurance that they will work for a suffrage measure in Albany this year.

Suffrage headquarters have been opened for Queens at 326 Fulton Street, Jamaica, and any one caring to drop in for a friendly visit or in search of information will find the Borough Chairman in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

A Club has been formed in the 1st Assembly District and an active winter is being planned. Several meetings occurred in homes, one with Mrs. Johnson, on Franklin Street, Astoria. Several meetings have been held on the Queensboro Bridge Plaza, and have attracted interested crowds.

The 2nd Assembly District has not been well organized as yet, but since the conventions in October more people have become interested and Mrs. Marsden hopes, a Club is soon to be organized, at the next meeting, December 4th.

Mrs. G. Gerhardt, 379 Cornelia Street, Ridgewood, has been elected leader of the 3rd since the former leader, Mrs. Adelman, has left the district.

Mrs. Cora Perry Hamilton induced the Assemblyman elect, Mr. Howard Stephen of the 4th, to sign the pledge to vote for the Suffrage bill.

Three District Clubs hold monthly meetings with good speakers and the plan of especially inviting those women in the District who are either indifferent or opposed has been put into operation.

A fourth club is to be organized next month.

RICHMOND BOROUGH.

The High School girls of Staten Island have formed a Suffrage Study Club under the management of Mrs. Mary Otis Willcox. The Club has a membership of twenty and is planning on giving several suffrage plays.

On October 26th a crowded meeting was held by the Woman Suffragists of Staten Island, Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley addressed the meeting in an eloquent, logical speech, which gave great satisfaction to those of her audience who were suffragists and food for much thought to those who did not agree with her.

After the speech there were questions and discussion. Some yellow slips were signed and some Parade pledges were given.

Richmond Borough marched in the Parade of November 9th under the Borough Banner. Men and women marched side by side as they did in the parade last spring, husbands and wives, mothers and sons, bearing their testimony, as the Quakers say, to their common interest in the cause of equal suffrage.

There have been a series of Suffrage meetings held in a restaurant in Tompkinsville during the month which have been very well attended and much interest shown. There have been speakers, and questions following the speeches.

The audiences were largely of young men.

The Political Equality Club of Richmond has met regularly and has decided on a course of study for the winter, to familiarize the members with the leading political questions which are before the country.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT CALENDAR

MANHATTAN.

12th Assembly District. December 3rd, at 8 o'clock, meeting at Friends' Seminary. Speakers: Miss Leonora O'Reilly and Mrs. George Perry Morris.

17th Assembly District. First Tuesday in each month. "At Home" at the home of Mrs. Morton, 224 Riverside Drive.

Every Tuesday Evening—Club Evening at 259 West 99th Street.

21st Assembly District. December 5th. A Meeting at the home of Mrs. Gardner Hirons, 131 West 136th Street. Every one is invited.

23rd Assembly District. December 4th. Mass Meeting at Tammany headquarters on 145th Street.

25th Assembly District. December 10th. Meeting at 180 Madison Avenue. State headquarters, at 8 o'clock. Speaker: Mrs. Marie Jenney Howe. Subject: Ellen Key's new book—"The Morality of Women."

December 9th. Captains' meeting at 8 o'clock at home of Mrs. Howe, 31 West 12th Street.

December 2nd. Meeting in Metropolitan Temple. Subject: The White Slavery of Chinatown. Speakers: Marie Jenney Howe, Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, Mrs. Rose Livingston, Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett.

29th Assembly District. December 10th, at 8 P. M. in Tuxedo Hall, 59th Street and Madison Avenue. Speakers: Mrs. Catt on "Suffrage is coming all over the world." Dr. Anna Howard Shaw on "Suffrage is coming all over the United States." Miss Mary Garrett Hay on "Suffrage is coming in New York State." Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw on "Suffrage is coming in New York City."

BROOKLYN.

5th Assembly District. December 5th, at 8 P. M. at 294 Stuyvesant Avenue, regular monthly business and social meeting. Speakers: Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley and Mrs. Edward Dreier.

3rd Assembly District. December 5th at 8 o'clock, in Kreutscher's Hall, Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood. Speakers: Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield and Mr. de Witt.

10th Assembly District. December 3rd at 8 P. M. Regular monthly meeting of District Club at 87 Lafayette Avenue.

Wednesday at headquarters, 87 Lafayette Avenue.

11th Assembly District. December 7th, at 2:30 at headquarters bridge party. All are welcome.

12th Assembly District. December 2, at 7:45; meeting with Mrs. Lillie O. Burckett, 846 President Street. Elisabeth Freeman speaker.

BRONX.

35th Assembly District. December 7th, at 2:30 P. M. Home of Mrs. Wm. Swan, 2387 Grand Avenue. Suffrage speeches. Music and refreshments.

Mrs. George Holbert, 24th E. D. Captain will hold monthly meetings at her home, 2340 Aqueduct Avenue.

Card party will be given last of November to raise funds to pay for the parade band.

QUEENS.

2nd Assembly District. Dec. 4th, at 8 P. M. Meeting for purpose of organizing Club. At leader's home—Mrs. Marsden, Corona Avenue, Elmhurst.

4th Assembly District. December 5. 95 Clinton Street, Jamaica. Symposium.

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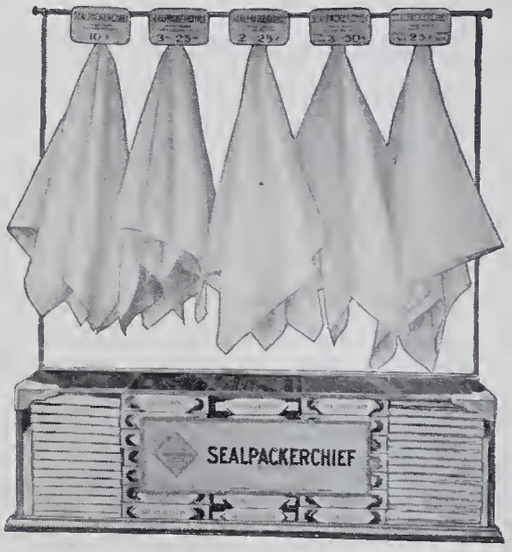

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